

**REMARKS**

**Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the Examiner's Action of April 27, 2007 be extended three months, from July 27, 2007 to October 29, 2007 (October 27 being a Saturday).

Authorization to charge a Credit Card is given to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 through 26 are pending in the application and the Examiner rejected all of the claims.

**The §112 Rejection**

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claims to indicate that the limitation identified by the Examiner is a joint limitation. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112.

**Rejection of Claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103**

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-14, 16-19, and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,484,148 to Boyd. Applicant believes the Examiner meant to reject these claims under §102 as being anticipated by Boyd and presents arguments accordingly. On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3, 11, 15 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Boyd, and on page 4 of the

Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Boyd in view of Francella ("RFID: The Next Generation," *Convenience Store News*, January 1999, hereinafter "Francella").

**Examiner's Proposed Claim Amendments**

In a facsimile dated September 20, 2006, the Examiner presented proposed claim amendments which would have overcome the cited references and put the claims in condition for allowance. At that time, applicant chose not to accept the Examiner's proposed amendments and continue prosecution of the application. At this time, applicant would like to accept the Examiner's amendments as proposed in the September 20, 2006 facsimile. Applicant has amended the claims essentially in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions in the present amendment.

**Conclusion**

The present invention is not taught or suggested by the prior art. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to applicant's Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Respectfully submitted

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